

In Our Opinion . . .

Special Education Program Important to You

At the polls on June 14, voters of Farmington City and Township and all of Oakland County will be asked to approve a special tax levy of one-half cent. This extra levy will permit the continuation and expansion of the special education training programs now being offered in the public school systems of our county.

The importance of the special education training being offered through the public schools on a county-wide basis should be of more interest to Farmington City and Township residents than a lot of others in the county since the Farmington school system is a major center for the special education program and has been since the program's inception.

Expansion of the program has been continuous throughout the county and in the Farmington public school system in particular since its beginning, with more and more boys and girls with emotional, mental or physical handicaps being able to be accepted for special training and help. A special type of program such as this administered by specially trained personnel is the only way that these boys and girls can be helped.

Statistics show that one out of every ten boys and girls of school age today is in need of some form of special education training. It's training that doesn't come cheap and all who need this special help are just in time to get it if we don't come up with the funds to do the job.

The one-half mill additional being asked for at the polls less than two weeks from now will cost you as a taxpayer very little. For the person living in a home with a real value of \$25,000 the cost will be only about \$0.25 per year and for the person having a home valued

at \$30,000 the cost will be only about \$7.50 extra in taxes per year. We can't help but feel that anyone who can afford to live in a \$25,000 to \$30,000 home should be able to afford \$8.25 to \$7.50 more a year in taxes for a good special education program locally.

Children who need special education training come from families at all economic levels. Having local special education facilities is only possible and practical on a county or state-wide basis. In our opinion, we are fortunate in having a forward thinking county board of education to set up a special education program such as we have on a local area basis.

If such a program is not provided on a local area basis then it is pretty certain that it will eventually wind up as a program being provided at the state or national governmental level.

It has been proven time and again and in many different ways that programs of this kind set up at the state or national governmental level not only prove to be less satisfactory than those handled at the local level but also that the costs of administration and actually providing the services run much higher.

And, where does the money with which to provide any kind of facilities or services of this kind come from other than from each and everyone of us as citizens and taxpayers. The costs are hidden a little better in a total tax package or program but the money all still comes out of your pocket and mine at the end.

Let's keep the fine special education program we now have and continue to expand it at the local governing level by voting "yes" on the special education increased millage proposal on the June 14 school ballot.

Get That Check-Up for Sure This Week-end

On both Friday and Saturday of this week, June 4 and 5, you'll have an opportunity to get a free car safety check-up in the city and we strongly urge you to take advantage of this opportunity. Go to the safety check lane at the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center on Friday afternoon or on Saturday and get your car looked over to be sure it's safe to operate. It will take but a few minutes of your time, and you'll drive away feeling a little more secure in the knowledge that your car is in mechanically safe running order.

The safety check program conducted last year was a success but still there were an awful lot of people who didn't take advantage of the free service provided by local mechanics and auto firms to get their vehicles checked over. It is very hard to understand why.

It has been our feeling for some time and continues to be, that state legislation should be adopted making it mandatory that owners of cars get their vehicles safety checked at least once if not twice a year. Perhaps that kind of administrative impossibility, and, if so,

we would see real value in an alternate plan whereby check points for vehicle safety checking would be set up at various locations on main highway routes throughout the county, such as checking at various times throughout the year.

Far too often many of us know about some "minor" mechanical faults with our cars but keep putting off and putting off getting it into a garage to get fixed. Or, if this is not the case, we never bother to check to make sure our directional signals are working properly or our headlights are not burned out or focused wrongly until stopped by a law enforcement officer and told about the mechanical fault.

"Lady Luck" rides with most of us and we never get involved in an accident because of the things. But, some do and you or I could be numbered among them at any time.

We urge you not to take a chance. Get your car safety checked this weekend and if there are some mechanical problems that need correction, then get them taken care of immediately.

Looking Back in the Files

5 YEARS AGO
JUNE 2, 1960
School Election
Nine candidates are seeking election to the Farmington School District Board of Education in the June 13 Election. The candidates are: John J. Breen, Barbara Brown, George Duke, Jr., Albert Kater, Mary L. McGrath, George A. Heston, Calvin F. Oppert, Richard H. Peters and G. Gordon Young.

Aschenbrenner Award
Harvey Chapman, a senior at Farmington High School who played halfback on Farmington's championship football team last fall as well as starring in basketball and baseball, was presented with the Aschenbrenner Trophy, annually awarded to the outstanding athlete in the senior class.

State Equalization
The State Board of Equalization made increases last week of approximately six per cent in the previously established 1960 Oakland County equalized valuations for Farmington City and Township and the Farmington School District. Total taxes to be paid this year by property owners in the community will be correspondingly higher.

10 YEARS AGO
JUNE 2, 1955
Selected Honorman
Seaman Recruit Roger James Goers of Farmington was selected Honorman of his company upon completion of recruit training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

New Grid Coach
Jack C. Hayes, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and recently with the Saline School System, has been named the new head football coach at Farmington High School. Coach Hayes will be out to improve on the record posted by the Falcons.

Five area residents received degrees this week in commencement exercises at the University of Michigan. Those graduated from Farmington were John Thomas Buck, Vincent E. Stock, John K. Hyde, Robert H. Bowman and Audrey Springer.

New School Gym
The Farmington School District Board of Education is considering the cancellation of a planned addition at Farmington High School which includes the auditorium and gymnasium, due to the filing of bankruptcy on the part of the general contractor.

15 YEARS AGO
JUNE 1, 1950
Scholarship Award
Richard E. Schreiber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schreiber of 9404 Oakland Avenue in Farmington, was one of twenty boys in the State of Michigan to win a scholarship in the amount of \$200 given by the American Legion. Richard has selected the University of Michigan to continue his education and plans to major in chemistry.

Finds Opposum
Farmington City Police Sgt. Floyd Salow this past week shot an opossum that had been hit by a car.

Boys' State
Five boys from the community have been named delegates to the Annual Wolverine Boys' State. He staged the week of June 15 at Michigan State College. The local boys who will attend the American Legion sponsored program are Don Grose, Foster "Smookey" Aschenbrenner, Gerald Plum, James Keck and Vincent Stock.

103 To Graduate
A record graduating senior class of 103 students will go through commencement exercises next week at Farmington High School.

Michigan Week Youth Day Held By Girl Scouts

Girl Scout troops from the North Farmington Neighborhood were among youth groups who observed Youth Day of Michigan Week on Saturday, May 22, at the Centaur Farm Stables, Walnut Lake and Drake roads in West Bloomfield Township.

The complete facilities of the Centaur Farm Stables were made available for their enjoyment. Activities of the day included hiking, games, hayrides, tours of the stables, outdoor lunch, and the highlight of the day, a horse show in the indoor riding ring.

GIRL SCOUT troops attending were: No. 1047—Mrs. Lillian Schwartz, Leader; No. 388—Mrs. Marianna Temme, Leader; No. 828—Mrs. Laura Kubit, Leader; No. 761—Mrs. Dorothy Hughes, Leader; No. 111—Mrs. Mary Murphy, Leader; No. 941—Mrs. Jan Oberlo, Leader; and No. 582—Mrs. Bonnie Rabideau, Leader.

Mr. W. Ralph Strother, Chairman of Youth Day in West Bloomfield Township, was assisted by Mrs. Mary Murphy and Mrs. Prudence Tomchak of the North Farmington Neighborhood in planning the Girl Scout participation.

W. Farmington Farm Bureau Meets In May

The West Farmington Farm Bureau held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Heintz of Haggerty Road on Tuesday, May 18.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Louis Gilson. The salute of the Flag was led by Lettie Gaston in the absence of Russell Gaston, Flag Salute Chairman. Roll call showed a total of 30 members present, representing 20 families.

REPORTS WERE GIVEN by the following committee chairmen: Minutes: Wallace Williams; Package Reporter, Wendell Green; and Women's Delegate, Grace Rexin. Considerable discussion was held regarding the problems farmers are encountering due to the policy adopted by Mr. Wirtz, Secretary of Labor. A definite shortage of fruit and vegetable pickers is foreseen.

The discussion of the month, "Building a Positive Image," was led by Wendell Brown, Discussion Leader.

It was reported that Irene LaFontaine has returned home after another one of her many visits to the hospital.

A SILENT AUCTION was held to help supplement a donation to be made to the Sister Kanyo Polo Fund.

A Hawaiian Luau theme was carried out by the hostess, Mrs. Mary Heintz. Upon entering the home, each member was greeted with the traditional lei. Refreshments were served by the hostess and her assistants, Mrs. Shirley Hultz and Mrs. Connie LaFontaine.

Karen Smith Gets \$200 Home Ec Award

Karen A. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith of 28945 Herndonwood, Farmington, was one of twelve Michigan State University home economics majors who received awards for their outstanding work in the College of Home Economics at the annual home economics banquet Tuesday evening, May 18.

Miss Smith received the Julia P. Grant award for \$200.

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REPORT from LANSING

State Representative
Raymond L. Baker

The Legislature is almost constantly in session now, attempting to beat the various deadlines established for bill passage. The House calendar is seven pages long and contains over 200 items of business.

The pressure to get through this last minute logjam creates the danger of insufficient consideration of the many bills now before us. This situation could have been avoided if majority party leadership had forced the committees to start serious deliberations early in the session. Instead, committees were slow in organizing and in getting down to work and thus failed to give adequate consideration to many bills.

THEN, SUDDENLY FACED with deadlines, the committees hurriedly reported out bills without study and placed them in the hands of the whole House. Now the House, approaching its own deadline, is in the same predicament and bills are being passed at a rapid pace and without much thought. The Legislature is currently experiencing something close to a complete breakdown of the normal processes.

For the most part, bills passed by the House so far fall into the category of minor business. Such measures range all the way from setting up rules for the practice of physical therapy and providing for the licensing of farm labor contractors to establishing the Petosky Stone as the state stone and allowing the Conservation Department to regulate the hunting of wild turkey. Few major proposals have been passed.

HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS still awaiting consideration include appropriations, reorganization of the executive branch,

elimination of tolls on the Mackinac Bridge, fiscal reform and several traffic safety measures.

Apparently there has been a move in the Senate to double lawmakers' pensions and these qualifications for receiving retirement benefits. This follows close on the heels of a workman's compensation bill which covers public employees and presumably legislators.

THE NEXT THING YOU know someone will be proposing unemployment compensation for members who are not re-elected. This kind of consideration is certainly unwarranted, not only in light of the recent salary increase, but also because the state is going to have a hard time just making ends meet on the record setting program being pushed by the majority party.

Minority party hopes for fair apportionment of state legislative districts were given a slight boost recently as the State Supreme Court began to hear oral arguments on an appeal from an earlier decision which created the present districts. There is no doubt that, if the court saw fit to allow a fair apportionment plan, the current imbalance of party strength would no longer exist and the minority party would be given a more equitable proportion of legislative seats.

The newspaper is the end product of many crafts, professions and talents.

Martin P. McGuire To Receive Degree

Martin Phillip McGuire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred McGuire, 30203 Overdale Ct., Farmington, is a candidate for the Bachelor of Arts degree from Alma College at the seventy-eighth year commencement Saturday, May 28.

Mr. McGuire is a 1961 graduate of Howe Military School and has majored in history. He plans to do graduate work at Wayne State University.

E. E. Grace on Dean's List
Ellis E. Grace of 21310 Osbourne, Farmington made the dean's list for the winter quarter at Colorado State University Engineering College.



David R. Whitney is the manager of the Livonia Chapel, Harris Funeral Homes, on Farmington Road just north of Five Mile. A 1937 graduate of Western College of Veterinary Science, he has given 25 years of service to his profession, 17 with Harris. A dedicated family man and past president of his Kiwanis, he takes an active interest in community and church affairs. He collects stamps, plays golf and chess.

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